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THE DAY

Budget Outlook

NEXT Wednesday is Budget Day, and the community is beginning to wonder what the Financial Secretary has in store. It would be unwise to expect more light than shade in his estimates for the coming financial year.

Certain uncomfortable facts were disclosed last March by Government. One was that the Colony's revenue potential had just about reached maximum point; the other that expenditure on public works and other projects must continue to increase if the Colony is to progress with the times.

From that was logically deduced the eventuality of annual deficits unless measures were introduced to increase revenue. Hence the warning of more taxation.

Two things may be assumed about the next financial year. One, that short of imposing new taxation burdens, the Treasury cannot expect a revenue intake much in excess of the year now ending; two, that expenditure will be considerably higher than in the current year. In other words, based on the Financial Secretary's observations of last March, he will have to budget next year for a deficit.

A BUDGET deficit, estimated or actual, is a new experience for Hongkong, but if it transpires, there is no need for it to generate panic. But it could, and should, stimulate a more realistic appreciation of the fact that, as with the lady in Christopher Fry's play, money "is not for burning."

Likewise, it is sincerely hoped, if the Financial Secretary finds himself confronted with a "wrong-sided" Budget, he will not automatically persuade himself that the position demands more taxation.

For the current financial year, Mr. Clarke estimated a nominal surplus of \$14 million. Final figures should show it to be very much more substantial. Wherefore any such unexpected surplus should be considered at least as a part offset to any deficit which might be forecast for 1955-56.

Before Government succumbs to the temptation of raising taxation rates and imports, there exists two joint means of bringing ordinary revenue and expenditure closer together. They are careful pruning and the judicious use of accumulated surplus funds.

THE community is avaricious in its demands for more education, more social and welfare services, more medical and health facilities, but as it happens, when it comes to trying to finance an expansion programme from taxation, only a relatively small proportion of the community pay their part. The dangerous tendency is to create a welfare state without being able to call on all the beneficiaries to make some sort of contribution towards its cost.

None will deny the difficult dilemma which besets Government. Ever since the war it has followed a bold policy of endeavouring to meet the constant challenge of providing the Colony with improved amenities. It is a costly business, and maybe not only is Hongkong reaching the ultimate in producing ordinary revenue, but it is also nearing the time when it must deny itself some of the ambitious schemes which it desires, but cannot honestly afford.

We await the Budget, fairly confident that the Financial Secretary will not have very good tidings for the Colony, but in the hope that the outlook will not be as black as he hinted a year ago it might be.

Snowdrifts 20ft High: Bus Passengers Marooned: Starving Moor Ponies Raid Gardens

NEW BLIZZARDS SCOURGE BRITAIN

Atomic Radiation On Human Life

Fresh Knowledge

New York, Feb. 24.

Facts about effects of atomic radiation on human life will be major contribution of Japanese scientists to the international atoms-for-peace conference at Geneva next August.

Professor Ushio Fujikawa, Japanese physicist, told a press conference at United Nations today that the Japanese delegates intended to "present many papers on radiation biology" to the conference.

Their material would be based on the results of the atomic bombing at Hiroshima, Nagasaki and what he called "the unfortunate event around Bikini atoll."

The professor was a spokesman for the Japanese scientists visiting the United States.

PROUD POTENTIALITIES

There was speculation that the Japanese might have sought to obtain materials for the setting up of an atomic pile, but Professor Fujikawa indicated that his country's physicists looked to Japan itself to produce their requirements.

He said a programme was under way to investigate the atomic potentialities of Japan, but so far no evidence had been found "that we can get much uranium though as little as three tons would be enough for an experimental pile."

He added: "We have been thinking about the production of heavy water in Japan. Maybe we can get it in a few years."

"I do not know if there have been any negotiations between Japan and the United States Government about the granting to us of atomic materials. We are only scientists."

He admitted that at present it was impossible for Japan to build an atomic reactor, but he hoped that an experimental reactor might be set up in due course.—Reuters.

DIAMONDS FOR HK FOUND

Rome, Feb. 25.

Seven little metal boxes of cut diamonds addressed from Antwerp to Hongkong have been found among the wreckage of the Belgian Sabena airliner which crashed near Rieti, north of Rome, on Feb. 13, it was disclosed here tonight.

One box was open, but the only cotton wool wrapped gem missing was soon found near by and handed over to the authorities investigating the crash—France-Press.

Natives Slay Huks

Manila, Feb. 25.

Eleven Huks, including two dissident commanders, were slain by a band of 14 Igorots (native tribe) armed only with bows and arrows on Wednesday in Nueva Vizcaya Province in northern Luzon, it was learned from army sources last night.

The Huks, not identified, were killed in two separate attacks by tribesmen on Huk hideouts in the mountains of Nueva Vizcaya.—France-Press.

Beginning Tomorrow...

Tomorrow's China Mail — the big, feature-packed week-end edition — brings you two new series of articles: The Great Gamblers and the Cloak and Dagger Squadron. THE GREAT GAMBLERS, written by Julian Symons tells about people who have gambled with fortune. And tomorrow the gambler is Arthur James Cook, Miners' Federation Secretary, the man who told the Government: "To hell with the British Empire". CLOAK AND DAGGER SQUADRON is the story of 138 Squadron, the RAF's most fantastic unit. Leslie Montgomery tells Gordon Thomas some of the squadrone's secret wartime exploits for the first time. Also in this week's Saturday Mail, the Archbishop of Canterbury gives the Church of England's answer to the problem of divorce. Tony Motta, China Mail feature writer spends an afternoon following a social welfare case worker on her rounds and sees what service to others means.

These are just some of the highlights of this week's Saturday Mail — the family-favourite with the latest and best selection of local and overseas news, features and pictures.

Temperature In Scotland Falls To Minus 19 Deg F.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

NEW BLIZZARDS SWEPT BRITAIN TODAY AND BY THIS EVENING OVER EIGHTY MAIN ROADS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WERE BLOCKED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB COMMENTED "BRITAIN IS ENTERING A NEW PHASE OF CHAOTIC ROAD CONDITIONS."

From Yorkshire, in the northwest, to Cornwall, in the southwest corner of England, reports spoke of cars and lorries marooned, villages cut off and snowdrifts ranging up to twenty feet deep.

Scotland "operation snowdrop" using RAF aircraft to drop fodder to snowbound sheep continued though mist hampered the drop.

Scotland expected a thaw but elsewhere in Britain more heavy snow was forecast.

On the Yorkshire moors snowploughs got through to three buses stranded overnight with 100 passengers aboard. They found the people none the worse. In this area snowploughs were hampered by winds blowing at 70 miles an hour.

Gales swept the East coast and many ships ran as speedily as they could to shelter.

Reports tonight said 200 people were stranded in cars along a highway near Stain-

more, Yorkshire. The road was said to be sealed at both ends by snow. The Air Ministry said helicopters were standing by to fly in food at first light tomorrow.

In Southwest England conditions were described as "the worst for 30 years." On the Devon moors, starving herds of wild ponies were raiding farms and gardens in search of food.

In this area lies the long sentence gaol of Dartmoor, and parties of prisoners today toiled vainly to clear a path through a ten-foot snowdrift so that the local midwife could reach two expectant mothers.

A temperature of minus 19 degrees Fahrenheit was reported today from the Spey Valley, Northeast Scotland.

The Air Ministry spokesman said that if this were confirmed it would be the lowest ever recorded in Britain. (The coldest ever known in Scotland is minus 17 Fahrenheit—in 1893.)

REACHES

Here is a typical scene in Scotland created by the recent blizzards which have put the whole of Britain under snow. Sheep can be seen making the most of the little grass they can find on the higher slopes of a farm. In the background are farm buildings deep in snow.

The New GATT Benefits Commonwealth Nations

From M. S. Nutt

Geneva, Feb. 24.

The undeveloped parts of the Commonwealth will do better under the new General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade than they have been doing under the old one.

Final revision of GATT which has been in progress here since October isn't expected to be completed before next week.

But India, Ceylon and Pakistan are already very happy with the new concessions given them on the use of tariffs and restrictions to protect their new and developing industries.

This progress covers only those underdeveloped areas which are independent nations. The position of the colonies which are regarded as dependencies of Britain is being dealt with separately.

The British government's plan to give them, as well as senior members of the Commonwealth, a better chance of developing their industries is still under examination behind closed doors.

The investigating committee is expected to present its report to a full session of the 34 member heads of state of GATT within the next two or three days. (Continued on page 10.)

STOP PRESS

Evacuation Of Nanchi

Taipei, Feb. 25.

The Nationalist government is at present evacuating troops from Nanchuan Island, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's northernmost outpost off the coast of Chekiang province. Nationalist officials reported today.

The officials, who asked not to be named, said the evacuation of Nationalist troops from Nanchuan, about 120 miles north of Formosa, began three days ago and was expected to be completed today.

They said there were about 3,000 Nationalist troops on the island, only 25 miles off China coast.—Reuters.

London, Feb. 24.

The British Trades Union Congress tonight warned trade members against accepting invitations to visit countries behind the Iron Curtain.

This advice was contained in a pamphlet which said: "It should be remembered that the Russians exploit these teams to make the East Europeans think that there is a large body of sentiment in the West which favours their policy."

NO PLAY IN 5th TEST

What The Bangkok Talks Achieved

Bangkok, Feb. 25.

The organisational meeting of the eight Manila Pact powers ends today with the first steps taken toward collective security against Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

Paper pledges of the United States, Britain, Philippines, Pakistan, France, Australia, New Zealand and Thailand, made at Manila last September, of mutual co-operation against aggression have been turned into functioning machinery.

No great armies have been drawn together, but the significance of the Bangkok meeting lies in the line that has been drawn across Southeast Asia which, if crossed, Communist totalitarians would enter war.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here is what the Bangkok Conference actually accomplished:

1. The permanent operations Headquarters of the eight-nation Mutual Defence Council was established. Each member will have representatives of Ambassadorial rank on this council, which will in the broadest sense be a thermometer recording the fever of Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

2. A military panel of experts from all members has been set up. It can meet anywhere, any time it wishes to discuss the defence of Southeast Asia. The panel is not similar to the European NATO setup, where actual divisions of Air and Naval fleets are committed ready to fight. Instead, the SEATO panel will have paper commitments of available forces for use should certain situations arise.

The fact that no United States units are actually stationed among the member nations does not mean America cannot be committed, Mr. Dulles told the members in definite terms that US is ready to aid the allies under the Manila Pact if they are a target of aggression.

3. Experts on anti-subversion will meet to continually exchange intelligence on "Communist subversive plans" and new methods of combating them.

4. Economic specialists will be attached to the permanent representatives to work out methods to better the economic health of Southeast Asia and to work on bilateral aid agreements.—United Press.



COLIN COWDREY,
a doubtful starter

NYE

BEVAN

CENSURED

London, Feb. 24. British Labour Members of Parliament tonight backed Mr Clement Attlee, their leader, against a challenge by Mr Aneurin Bevan who leads the left wing of the Party over big power talks on Germany.

After a stormy two-hour meeting the Parliamentary Party adopted, by 122 votes to 72, a motion "deprecating" Mr Bevan's action in putting forward a House of Commons motion urging discussions with Russia before the Paris Agreement, which bring a sovereign West Germany into the Atlantic defence system, had been ratified.—Reuters.

MADDOCKS UNWELL

Gill Langley, the Australian wicket keeper, has been called to Sydney in case Len Maddocks, who succeeded him in the team, is unfit.

Maddocks was taken ill last night while flying from Melbourne and was believed to be suffering from the effects of inoculations for the forthcoming Australian tour of the West Indies.

England, who have already made sure of retaining the Ashes, are 3-1 up in the series.

Although the Australians have done his best to cover the pitch, rain has stopped through.

The outfield is under water.—Reuters.

Rock Crushes House
Catania, Feb. 24. Three of the five inhabitants of a cottage in Palagonia, near Catania, Sicily, were seriously injured when their home was crushed under a fall of rock.

The rock, a great block of granite, broke from the cliff face.—France-Press.

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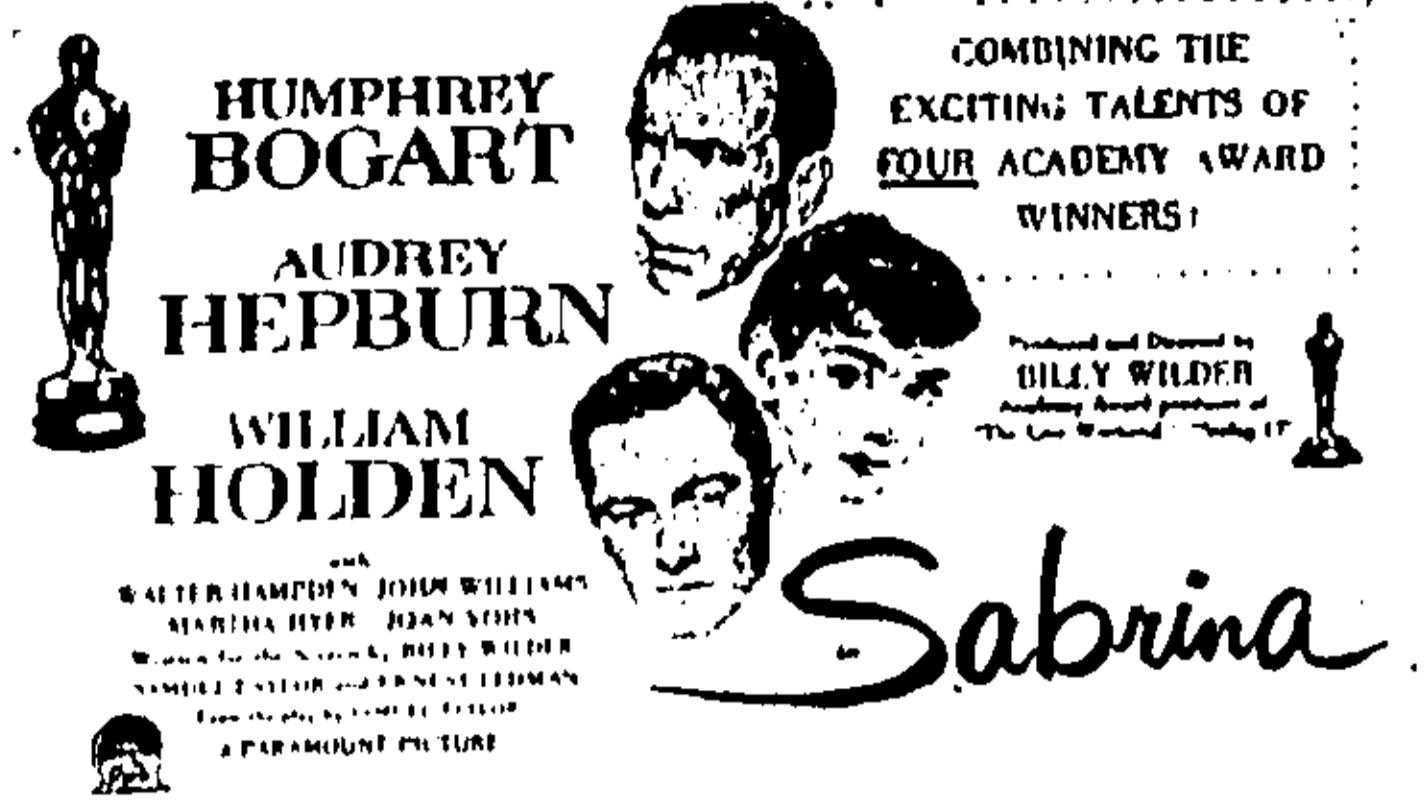
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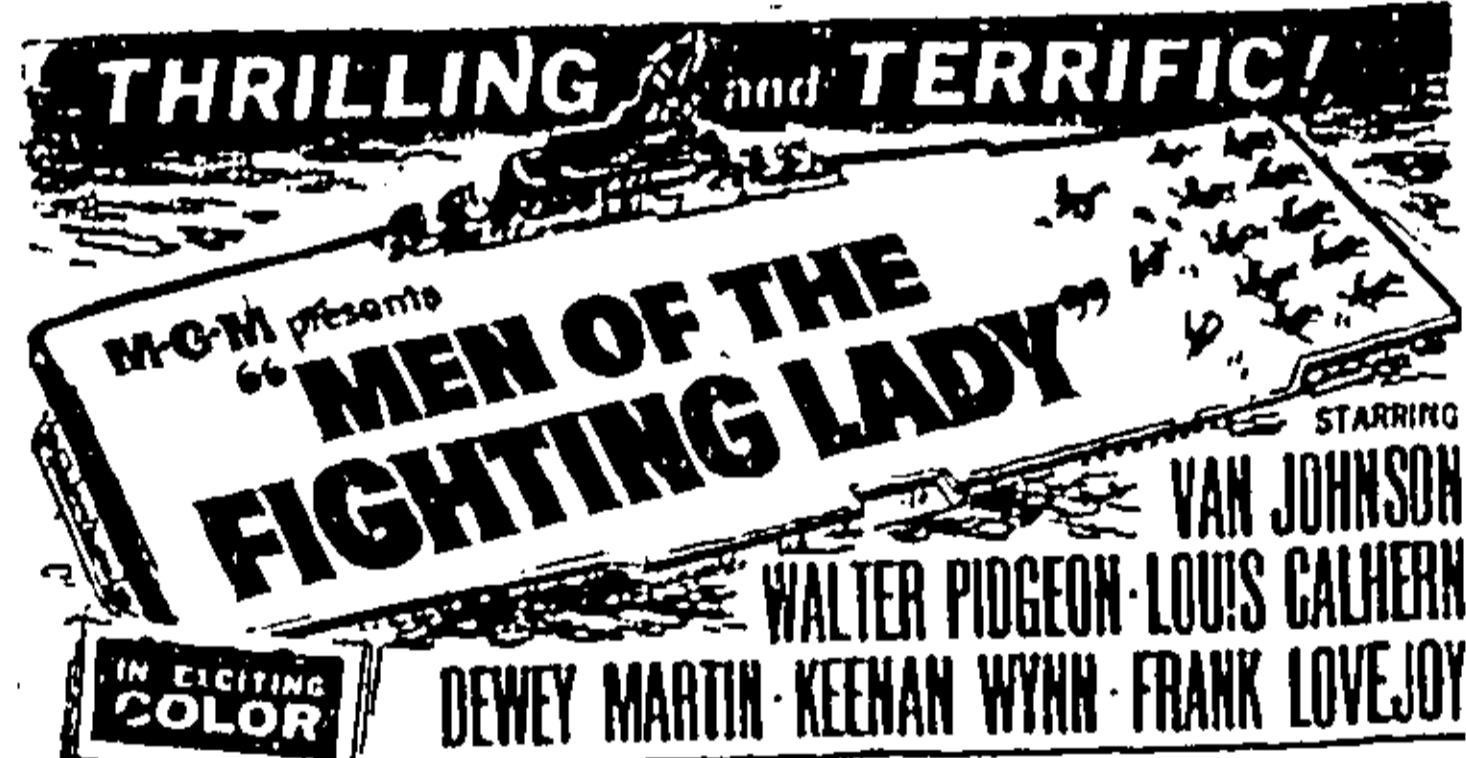
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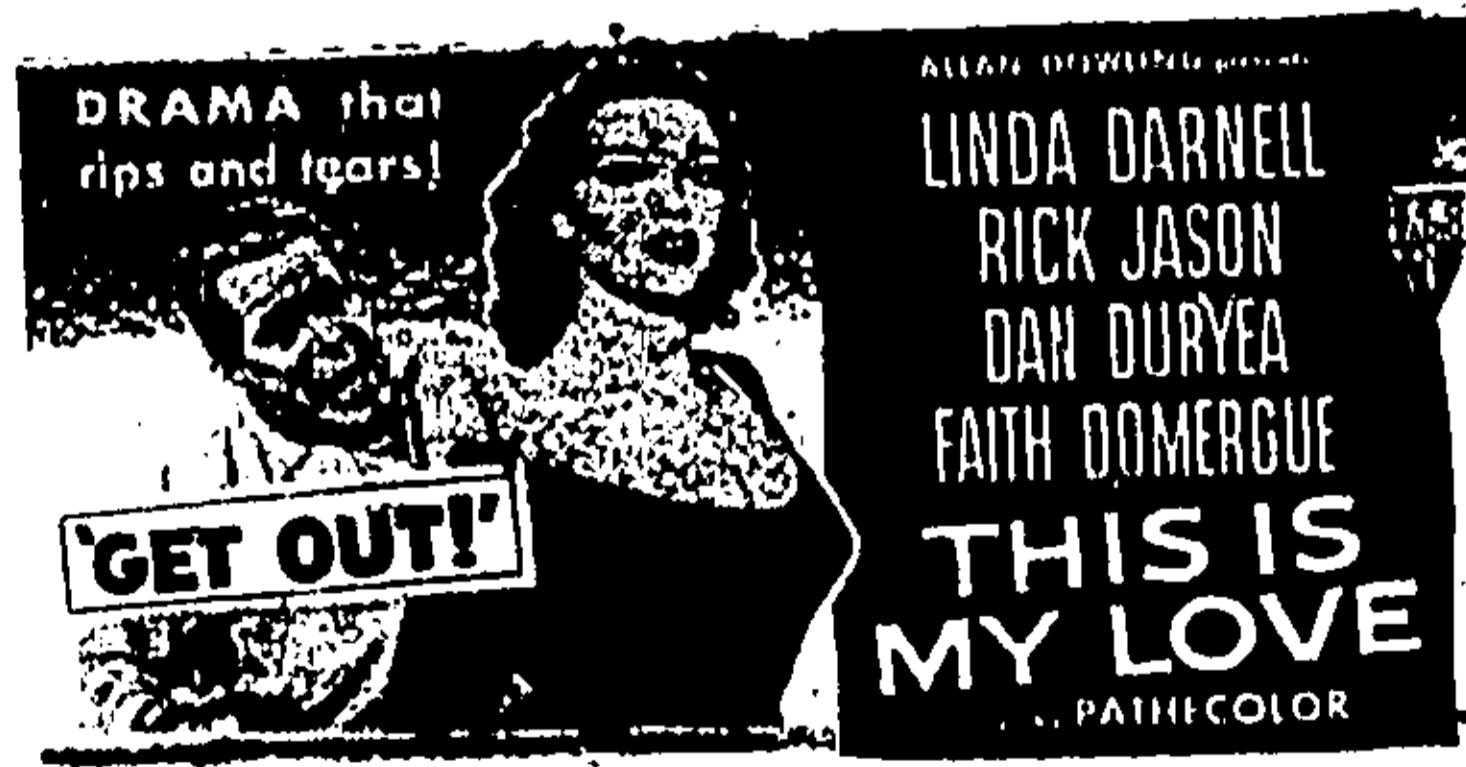


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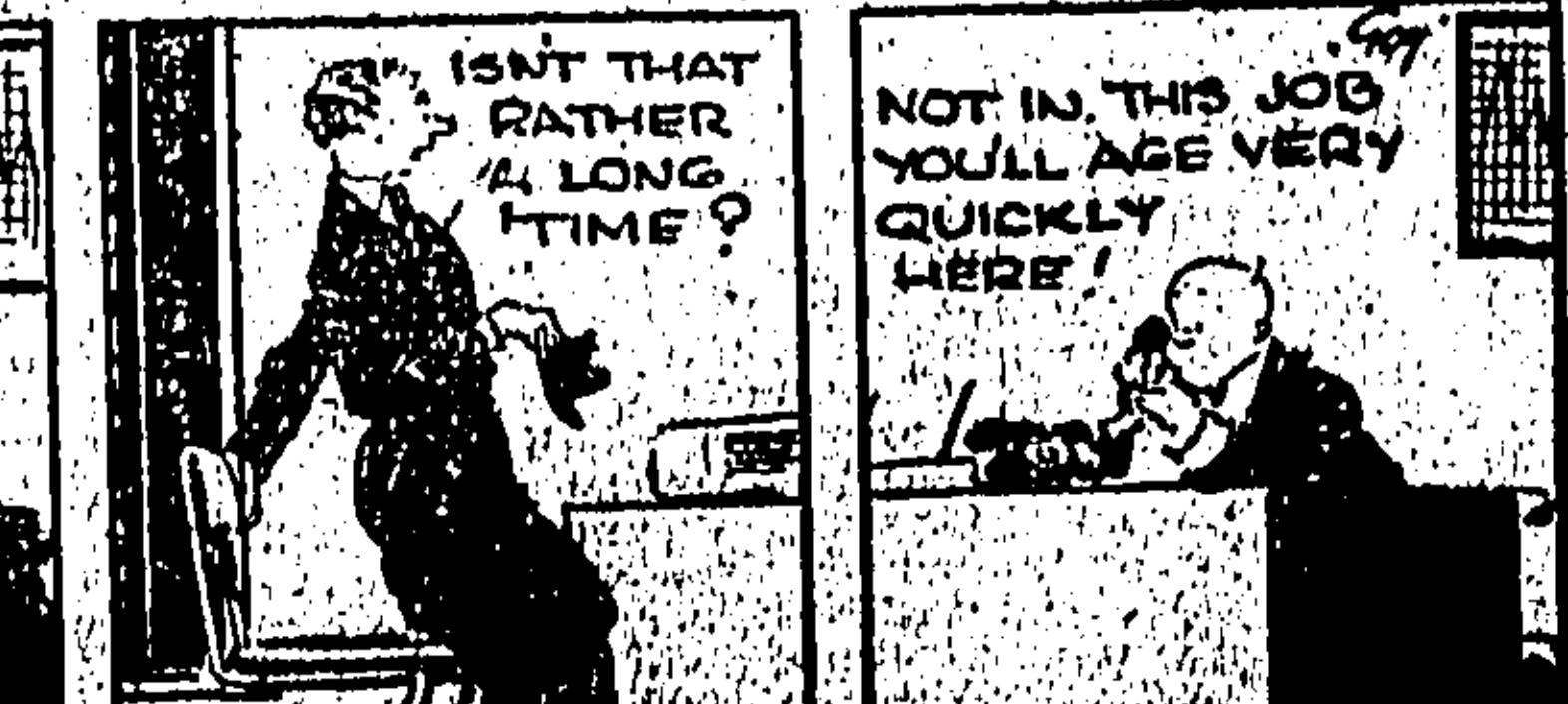
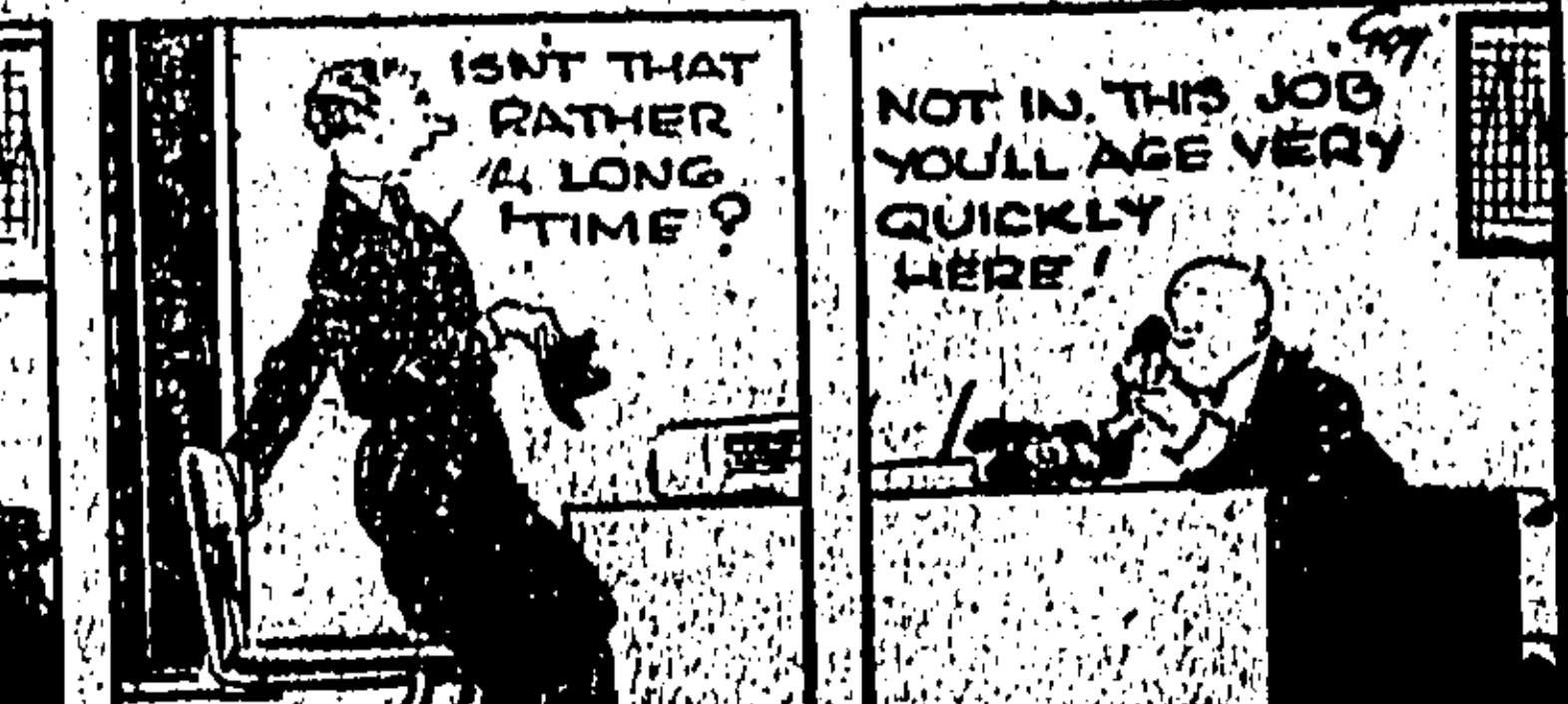
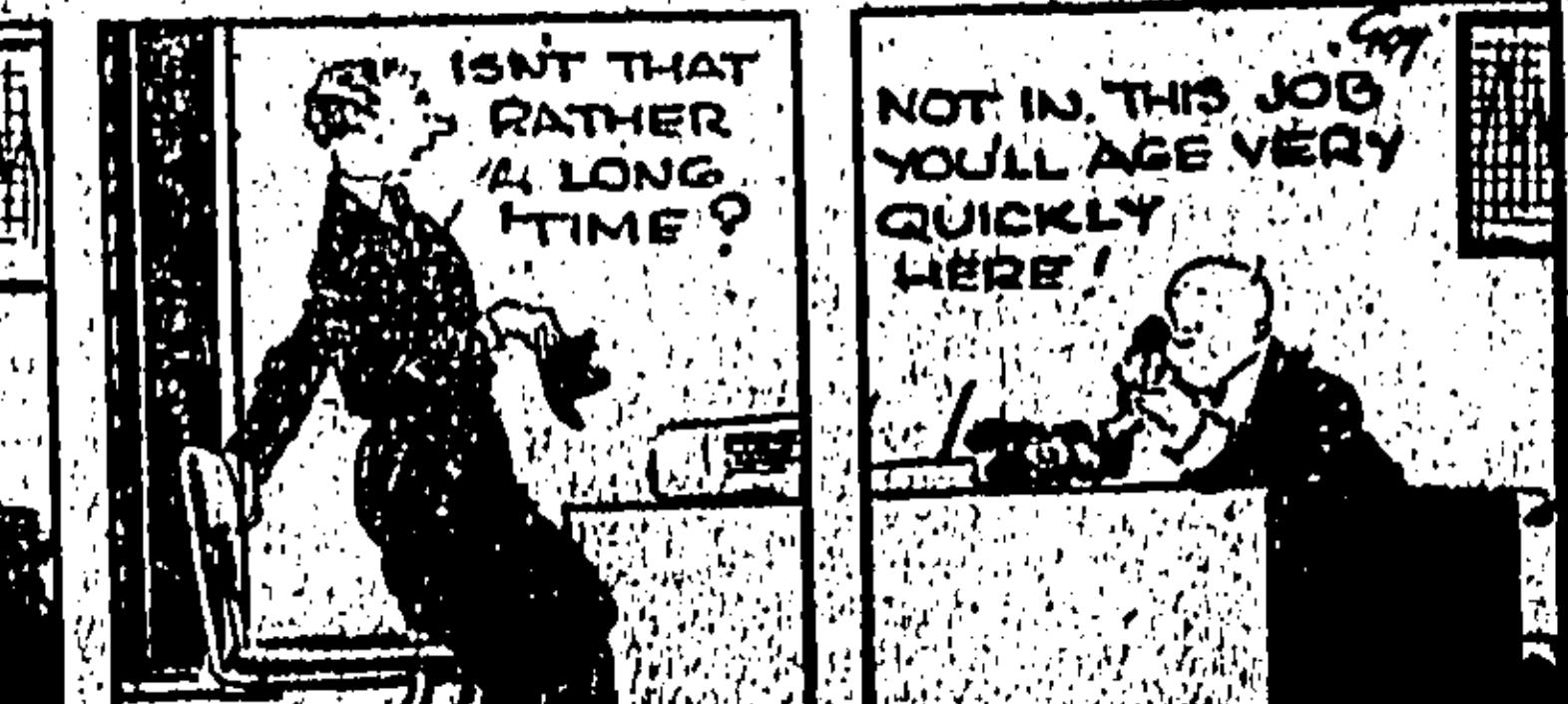
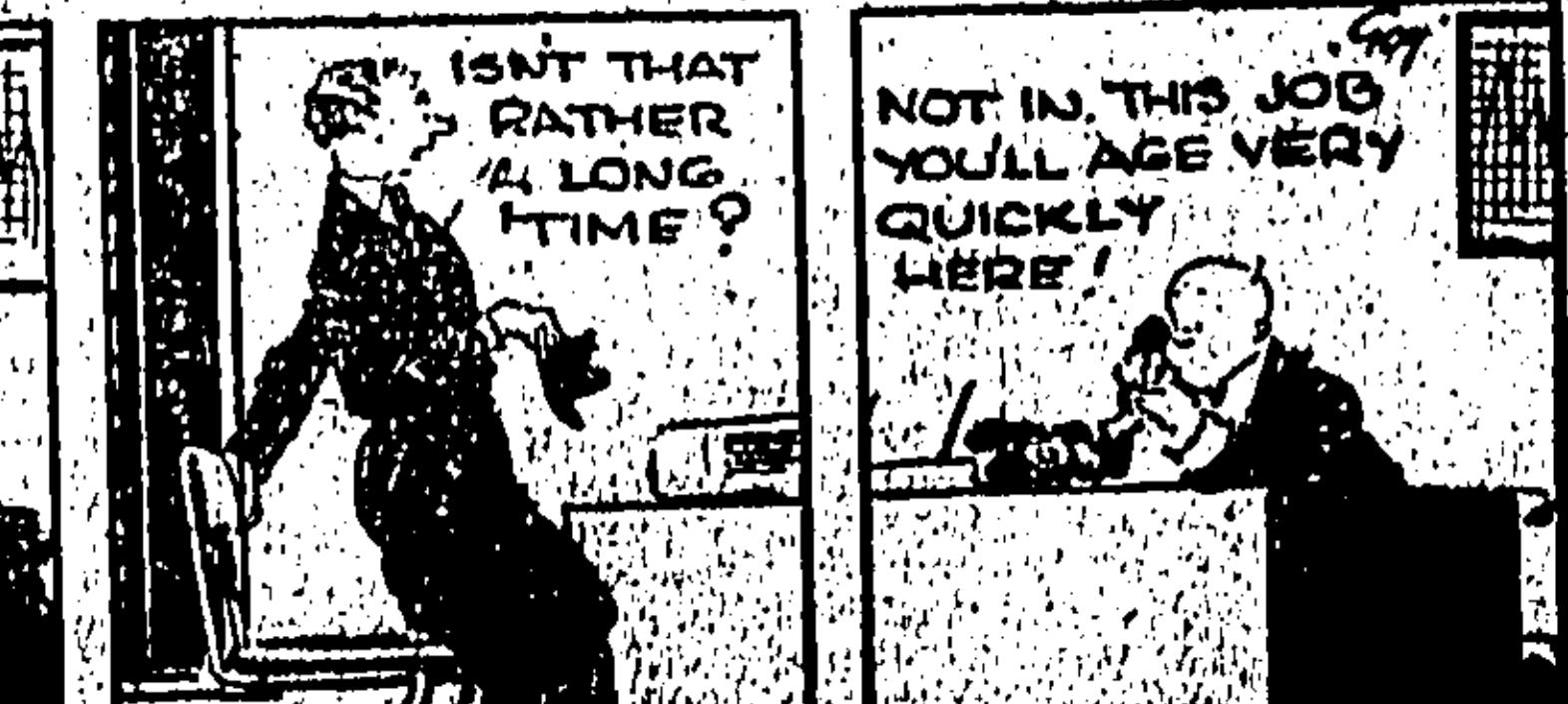
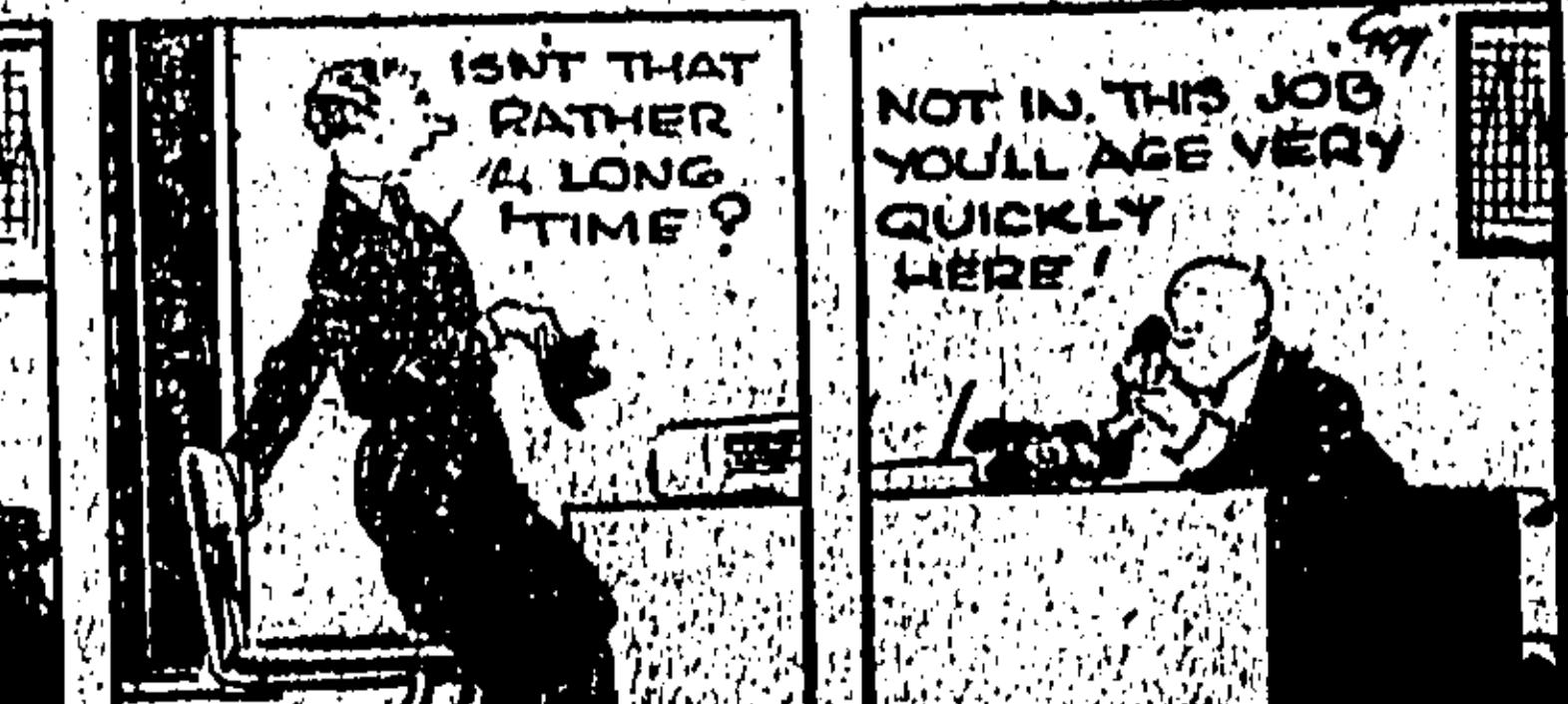
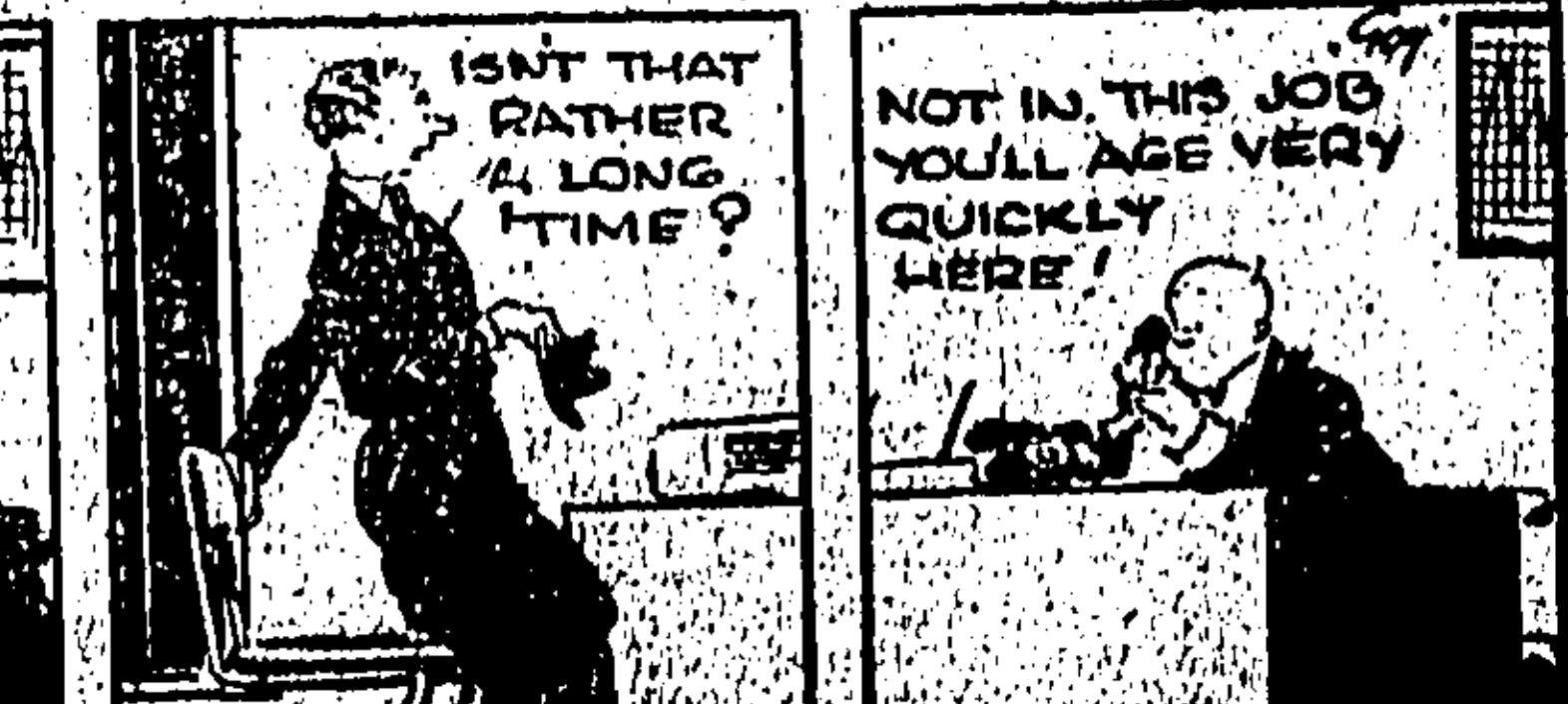
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UNREST IN NORTH AFRICA

Nationalists Watching Moves Of New French Government

JUSTICE WAS SPEEDED UP

Los Angeles, Feb. 24. A Los Angeles man thought that justice was slow, so yesterday he took the law into his own hands—and found that justice had suddenly speeded up.

For three years, the man had been suing a bootshop which had sold him a pair of shoes which hurt. Yesterday, he decided to put an end to the dispute. He went to the shop and fired six shots into the boxes which lined the wall.

No one was hurt, but justice swooped quickly down and the aggrieved man is now in goal on a charge of attempted murder.—France-Press.

HOMAGE TO FRENCH ACADEMY MEMBERS

Paris, Feb. 24. Members of the French Academy met today to render homage to Paul Claudel and Andre Chaudieu, both members who died of heart attacks yesterday.

Count Robert Hirsch, presiding over the session said that Claudel's death at the age of 87 was a loss to the entire universe of letters.

All those who have had the opportunity of representing our company abroad know the immense public that our literary patricians had throughout the entire world," he said.

Tracing Claudel's double career as a diplomat and poet, he said he was like a powerful oak tree which had come to its supreme fruition and filled the entire horizon.

He concluded by a tribute to the force of Claudel's Christian faith from which his entire artistic inspiration was derived.

Count Hirsch also paid tribute to the journalistic career of Andre Chaudieu, who was elected to the Academy on the death of Georges Clemenceau.

Chaudieu died at the age of 80.—France-Press.

Cambodian Bible

Phnompenh, Feb. 24. The first edition of the Bible in the Cambodian language was on sale here today.

The edition was sponsored by the Evangelical Mission—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Vegetable (9).
2. Hot drink (5).
3. Renown (8).
4. Table cloth (5).
5. Girl's name (6).
6. Narrowed to a point (7).
7. Repeated from memory (7).
8. Summary (6).
9. Sweet smell (5).
10. Averred (8).
11. Lowest point (5).
12. Dog (9).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1. Aris, 4. Bristol, 8. Brat, 9. Lies, 10. Scratch, 11. Exit, 12. Sign, 14. Contours, 17. Unity, 19. Wager, 22. Fathers, 23. Weds, 27. Gold, 28. Circuit, 29. Inch, 30. Even, 31. Sesame, 32. Cash, 33. Round, 3. Almond, 4. Banan, 5. Rector, 6. Heart, 7. Lacks, 19. Surf, 13. Gilt, 16. Edge, 18. Ezra, 19. Argued, 20. Averns, 21. Edict, 22. Award, 24. Head, 25. Salvo.

Italian Debate On Paris Agreements

Rome, Feb. 24. The Italian Senate today began its debate on the ratification of the Paris agreements though the left-wing opposition to the Government has stepped up its hostile campaign during the last two months.

The Director of the Special Branch, Mr. A. E. G. Blades, said that discovery of the grenades was the direct result of the detention and interrogation of a chain of students who left Chinese middle schools here in 1953 and 1954.

He said that according to information the grenades were purchased by the "A" branch of the Malayan Communist Party in Singapore and re-banded. This branch of the MCP is chiefly concerned with subversive activity in Chinese middle schools and among the intelligentsia.

"COMRADE D" Mr. Blades said that the leader of the "A" branch, known among his followers as "Comrade D" was among a group of students expelled from the Chinese High School in 1954.

The Government line, plus the right-wing groups, was considered likely to provide a total of about 150 votes in favour. A total of 122 are needed for an absolute majority.

The Italian Senate of Deputies voted for ratification by 335 to 266 last December.

The Senate debate is expected to last about 10 days.

—Times of India.

Jap Election Tempo Stepped Up

Tokyo, Feb. 24. The tempo of electioneering stepped up on Thursday in Japan's most important elections since the end of World War II with Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democrats gaining ground every day.

A rash of oddities peculiar to the Japanese political scene also cropped up with the February 27 elections but three days away.

Public opinion polls indicated the Democrats steadily gaining ground over their nearest rivals.

The most recent poll said Mr. Hatoyama's Democrats would take 180 of the 367 at the House with the Liberals getting about 130. Left and Right wing Socialist parties would win some 133 seats with 10 going to other splinter parties, according to the poll.

"EVIL COURSE"

Former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida blasted Mr. Hatoyama's policy toward Russia and said it would only take Japan on an "evil course."

Mr. Hatoyama advocates normalising relations with Russia and eventually recognising Red China.

Mr. Hatoyama, racing around to speaking engagements, was stopped by the police on Thursday for speeding. Given a warning and released, the Prime Minister and his car sped away in a cloud of dust—to make up for lost time.

In Yamaguchi Prefecture in Western Japan, the Right Socialists registered a complaint. Some 200,000 election bulletins distributed by the Government credited to the Liberal Party plaited to the Socialists.

RED'S DROP OUT

Communist candidates were dropping out of the race, with 29 indicating their withdrawal in an obvious manoeuvre to give their voting strength to the Socialists.

Some 1,118 persons had violated the strict election laws. Vote buying was most prevalent with violations of restrictions on posters and pamphlets, house-to-house canvassing, interference with electioneering and speech violations making up most of the remainder.

Public opinion polls indicated the newcomer had little chance of breaking into the political scene because of the many campaign restriction laws. It was almost impossible for the newcomer to make himself known.

Women were asked in editorials to take keen interest in the coming elections. Some 41 per cent said they would vote, according to a recent poll.—United Press.

Settle Austrian Question

FIRST STEP TO LASTING PEACE

Vienna, Feb. 24. An agreement on Austrian question would be the first step toward lasting peace, the Foreign Minister, Herr Leopold Figl told a meeting of the Austrian "Peace Association" which was held here today.

He said his Government wanted friendly relations with all countries and not with just one country or coalition or group of countries.

Herr Figl denied the alleged Communist statements which purportedly said Austria is setting up military units for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

He said, "The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, would certainly not have called for pulling out of occupation troops from our country. If he were convinced that Austria was preparing to join the NATO forces."

Herr Figl said Austria would keep strictly to the 58,000-man army which is provided for in the Austrian State Treaty. If the treaty were approved.

He said Austria had tried to keep good relations with all its neighbours, including Yugoslavia and the "popular democracies" in the East and Italy in the West.

"A stepping up of tension in Austria could have unpredictable results," he concluded.—France-Press.

RED GRENADE CACHE FOUND IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Feb. 24. The Singapore Police dug up 147 grenades on the eastern suburb last night, believed to have been buried by the Malayan Communist Party.

A Police spokesman said that the grenades were contained in two earthenware jars tightly sealed and buried about nine inches below ground level. They were British-made and believed to be part of a prewar dump buried in the jungle north of Singapore.

The Director of the Special Branch, Mr. A. E. G. Blades, said that discovery of the grenades was the direct result of the detention and interrogation of a chain of students who left Chinese middle schools here in 1953 and 1954.

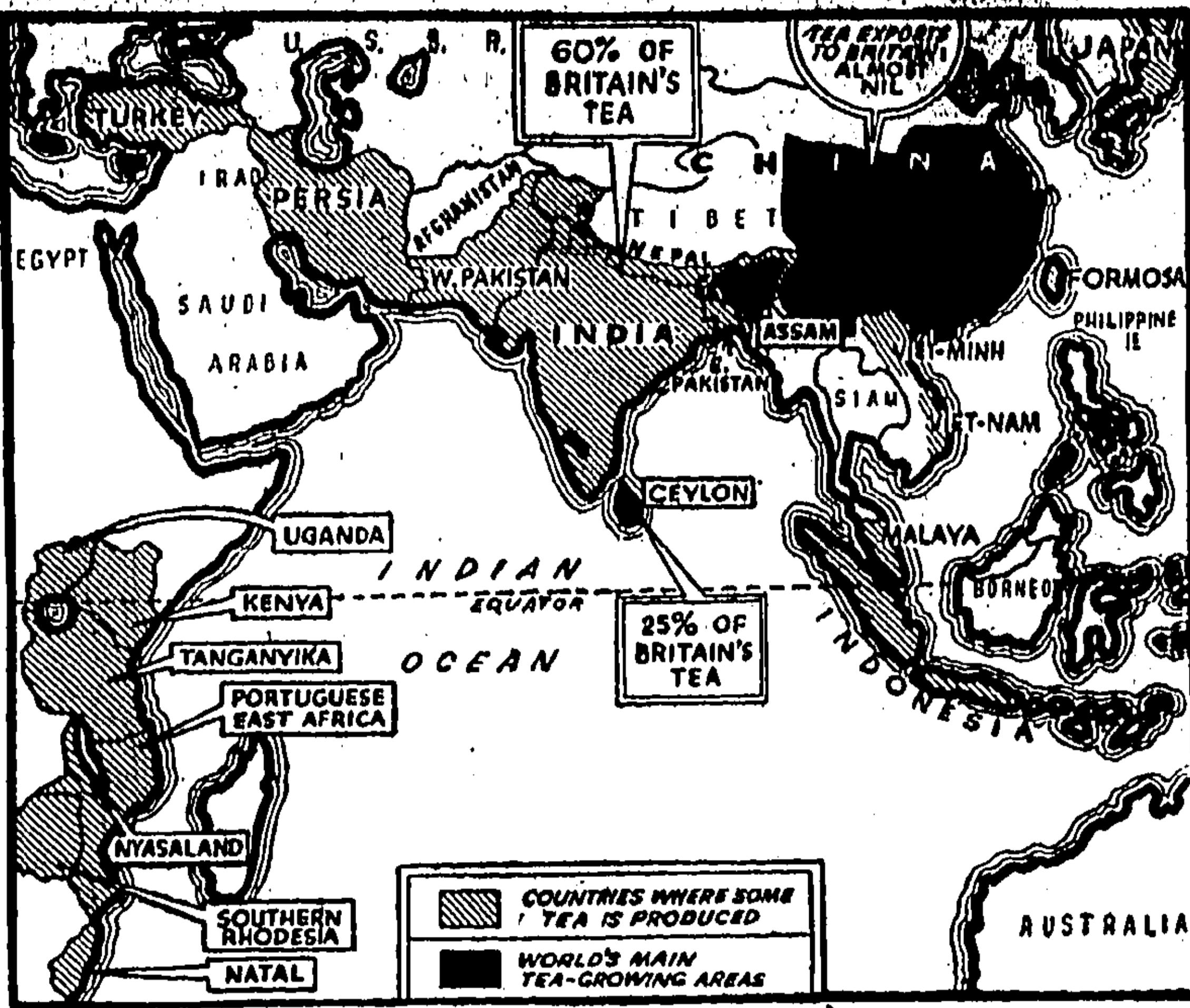
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The last incident was more than a year ago when an unidentified Chinese threw one into a bar in which sailors from a visiting American destroyer were in. One sailor was wounded in the shoulder.—United Press.

—Times of India.

FILLING the TEAPOT



Princess Margaret Says Farewell To Jamaica

Port Antonio, Jamaica, Feb. 24.

A cheerful unruffled Princess Margaret waved goodbye to Jamaica today from a Royal barge which bounced and bobbed on white capped waves.

Then she boarded the Royal Yacht, Britannia, for two days at sea on the last stage of her month-long tour of the British West Indies.

It was thought until the last minute that because of the sea, it might be advisable for her to go by train to Kingston and join the Britannia. But Princess Margaret, a good sailor, did not seem to notice the rough sea as the royal barge took out across the harbour to the yacht.

CHINA NOT AIDING N. VIETNAM

Commission Report

Saigon, Feb. 24.

There is no proof that North Vietnam has been receiving war material from Communist China in violation of the Geneva Armistice Agreements, M. J. Desai, President of the Mixed Armistice Control Commission, told a Press conference here today.

South Vietnam officials had charged that war material was being introduced into the north from China.

M. Desai said, however, the border supervision in the region needed to be reinforced. He said a special mobile patrol would be sent to the area.

Some 14 mobile patrols were also investigating complaints from both north and south on the violations of armistice provisions by the free movement of refugees from one zone to the other, he said.

M. Desai said that the second provisional report resuming activities of the Control Commission from December 11, 1954 to February 10, 1955 would be sent at the end of the month to British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden and Soviet Foreign Minister Mr. V. M. Molotov, who presided at the Geneva Conference.—France-Press.

—Times of India.

AMERICAN HOTEL IN BOND ST

Southampton, Feb. 24.

The first American hotel in Britain—a seven-floor, 250-room luxury establishment—will be opened in London next Tuesday.

This was announced by Mr. James Knott, Chairman of the Knott's Hotels Corporation, who arrived here from the United States to attend the opening of his firm's hotel, the Westbury, in London's fashionable Bond Street.

Asked by a reporter whether there would be a colour bar at the new hotel, he replied that "anti-discrimination" was practised in the United States.

It was understood the drinks included pink champagne.

Bush drummers beat out

calypso rhythms and folk songs,

and though she did not dance,

the Princess occasionally rose

from her seat in delight and did

a few dance steps.

She laughed and clapped as

the other members of the party

danced a conga line around the sandy beach.

She stayed until 11.30 a.m. after bacon and eggs

at midnight.

It was impossible not to

think that in case of re-

mobilisation, West Germany

would become a militaristic state.

Mr. Pushkin and West Ger-

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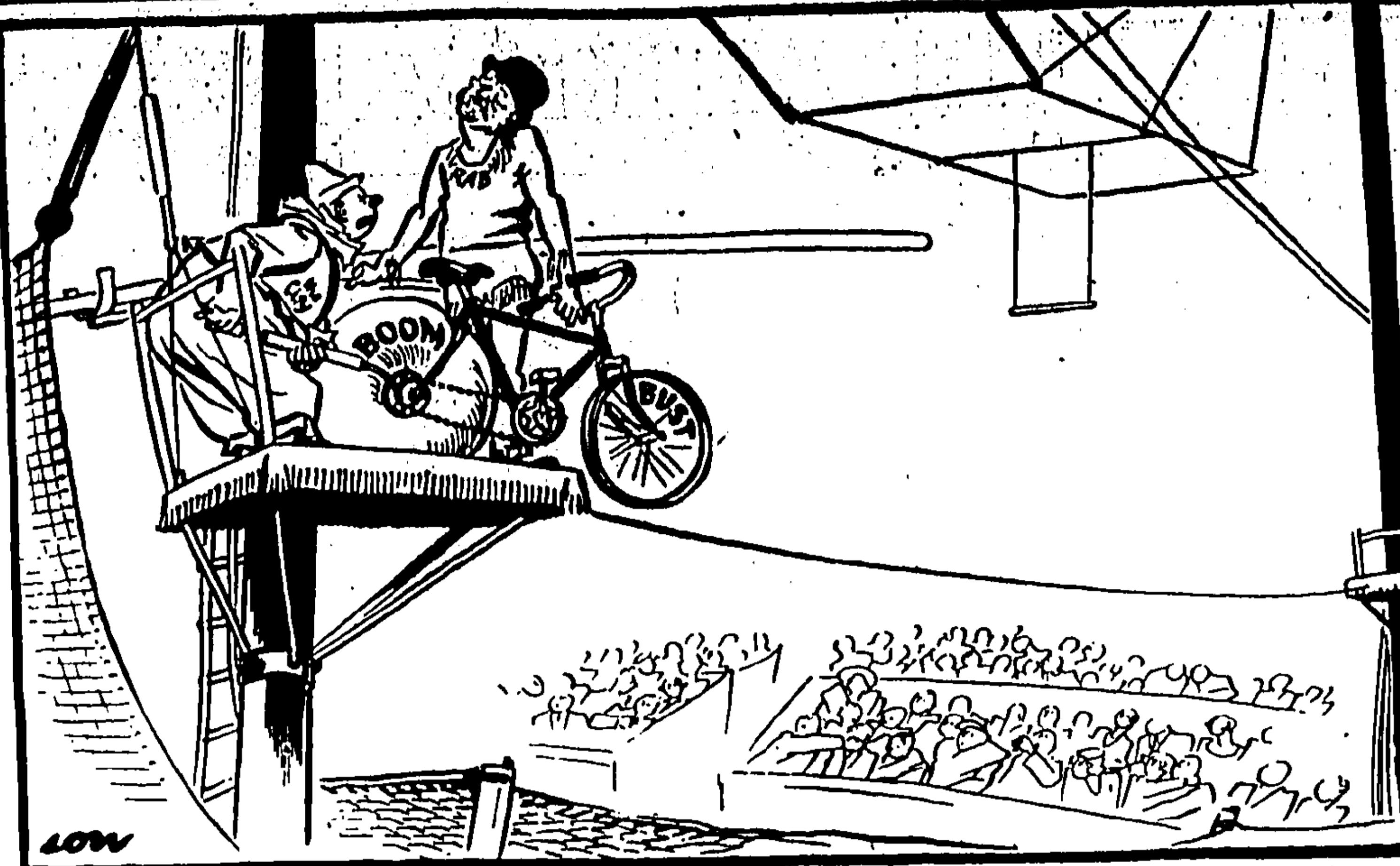
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Governor - Poet Gets Puerto Rico Bustling

By JACQUELINE ENGERT

America has a "Jamaica" problem. Penniless citizens from the sunny Caribbean island possession of Puerto Rico have been flooding to the U.S. mainland in thousands since 1946. They create the same housing, job and "neighbour" problems.

But answers are being found — by a poet-politician and his "Operation Bootstrap."

Ten years ago, the beautiful Puerto Rican island "commonwealth," 961 miles off the Florida coast, was a scandal of slums and poverty, overpopulation and disease. It had no resources but people, packed 655 to the square mile. Its nickname was "Uncle Sam's Sweatshop." A U.S. Senate Committee reported Puerto Rican misery was "unsolvable."

Out-of-work islanders poured north into New York's Puerto Rican Harlem until it burst at the seams and spilled Spanish-speaking "foreigners" all over Manhattan. The migrant stream swelled until today one in every twenty New Yorkers is a Puerto Rican. There are nearly 500,000 in the city. Only recently, officials predicted there would be 1,250,000 by 1970.

In 1948, Luis Munoz Marin — Greenwich Village Bohemian, intellectual, journalist and poet — became the first elected Governor of his poverty-stricken island. Against experts' prophesies, his now-ever "Operation Bootstrap" crusade to boost the island's living standards is performing economic miracles. In five years, 335 new industries have been attracted to the island. Desperate unemployment is cut by one-fifth. The exodus north dropped by nearly 60 percent last year. Some Puerto Ricans are even returning home.

Persuasive

"OPERATION Bootstrap" has such an impressive record that economic observers from other impoverished lands are hurrying to the tiny tropical isle to see what remarkable things are being done, with a little courage, energy and capital.

"Puerto Rico," says poet Munoz, "does not want to export people."

"Operation Bootstrap" — designed, explains the Governor, to replace "Operation Lament" — is an immense campaign to capture the U.S. businessman's investment dollar. It aims to "sell" Puerto Rico to mainland Americans. Munoz says the island needs tens of millions of dollars in annual capital investment. This deliberate, persuasive man means to get them.

Munoz has a battery of "salesmen" in New York and other big U.S. cities. Yearly he allocates \$400,000 to newspaper and magazine advertising for new industry.

Batches of officials and secretaries write personal letters to manufacturers, bankers, investment companies. Fifteen industrial experts make personal calls up and down the country.

The Commonwealth will leave no stone unturned to help you get started, establish and expand your business in big print.

brought down with a hand over his mouth and a knee in his back, and rubbed.

Numbers found they could

live idly on the dole

Islanders forming their own

ever — spreading communists

with Spanish cinemas, drunk

stores, super-markets and restaurants — got a bad reputation.

Diverse social agencies — in

cluding a Mayor's Committee on

Puerto Rican Affairs — now

work to get 500,000 Puerto

Rican New Yorkers into the

"melting pot." New York has

taken in all manner of foreign

peoples and cultures before.

It is a patchwork of Hungarian,

Czech, German, French,

Chinese, Negro and Puerto

Rican — sections. City officials

say migrants from the sun-

drenched Caribbean may be

civic leaders in another 20

years.

Fanatics

MISUNDERSTANDING for Puerto Ricans is increased by nationalistic outrages — the attempted White House assassination of President Truman in 1950; the shooting of Representatives in Congress by fanatics last year.

But Governor Munoz stresses: "Puerto Rico is not demanding independence. It is shown by the fact that 81 percent of the voters of the island have declared that they do not ask independence. It is shown by the vigour with which both

people and Government re-pudiate the handful of nationalistic fanatics that occasionally fire real bullets into the real world from the bastions of their utter fantasy."

Puerto Ricans wisely prefer to remain within the American tariff walls. The island "commonwealth" status, which came into effect in July 1952, was a compact made by the United States and Puerto Rico as two separate states. President Eisenhower promises Puerto Rico "absolute independence" any time the island asks for it.

But, says Governor Munoz: "No commonwealth, no 'Bootstrap.' No 'Bootstrap' and we split."

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Mendes-France did a shrewd thing in moving M. Massigli from the London embassy to make him head of the French Foreign Office.

Massigli, as a senior diplomat, will be able to prevent too drastic changes in appointments made by Mendes-France. He is, too, a man who shares the ex-Premier's strong pro-British bias.

London for fun

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There were his unforgivable successes, his national and international standing, his intellectual arrogance, his biting tongue when dealing with the parliament, his mediocrities pitted against him.

There was also a whisper of anti-Semitism in the campaign against him.

Almost roiling with fatigue, his face bruised by lack of sleep, his hands at boozed, he made a last statement, after his defeat, Mendes — France managed to launch a slogan which is likely to be his rallying cry in the future.

The slogan: France has acquired a liking for the bitter-sweet taste of truth."

His popularity in the country remains enormous. Newspapers are receiving a big mail of public disgust at his fall. In Paris cinemas his appearance in a newsreel is loudly applauded.

For the time being, Mendes — France intends to escape from it all by taking a three months' holiday. He will return as a nationally recognised Opposition leader, something which France has not had for nearly 30 years.

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Made from only the finest!

TAIKOO
SUGAR

obtainable from
all shops and stores

Thomas Wilson

ASIAN SPORTS REVIEW

TWO ASIAN RECORDS FALL AT INDIAN NATIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Asian athletic records fell at the Indian National Athletic Championships, held at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, from February 11 to 13. Joginder Singh, runner-up in the Asian Games 400 Metres, set up a new Asian mark for the distance of 48 seconds exactly, beating the Asian Games and Asian record of Japan's Kanji Akagi by exactly half a second, while Parduman Singh, Asian Games Champion in the Shot Put and Discus Throw, broke his own Asian record in the former event with a new mark of 47 feet 10 1/4 inches (14.585 metres).

By an Indian newspaper count, no fewer than 18 national records fell at the Calcutta meeting. Not taken into account, however, was the fact that many of the listed National Championship records have been bettered at other athletic meetings earlier this season or by Indian athletes abroad at the Helsinki and London Olympic Games and at the Second Asian Games at Manila last year.

Whining performances were the final behind another soldier, to say the least impressive. It Jang Singh.

FIRST IN HISTORY

Makhan Singh, also a soldier, became the first Indian to run the 1,500 Metres in under four minutes as he won in 3:58.

Dalu Ram ran an unimpressive 15 minutes 36.0 seconds for the 5,000 Metres on the first day of the Championships, but had enough left to set up a new national record of 9 minutes 24.0 seconds in the 3,000 Metres Steeplechase on the final day of the Championships.

Shri Chand Ram of the Rajputana Rifles beat the Asian Games Champion, Sarwan Singh in the 100 Metres Hurdles. He was timed in 14.0 seconds. Bhagwan Ram was third in one of the strongest fields ever assembled in this event in India.

Jagdev Singh, who last year ran the 400 Metres Hurdles in 52.2 seconds in the Pakistan Championships at Montgomery, returned a very good 53.6 seconds to win the event against no opposition of note.

The Asian Games Champion, Ajit Singh, did not reach the final of the High Jump. This event was won by Doyal Singh with a good 6 feet 4 inches (1.93 metres), second best ever by an Indian.

Parduman Singh won the Discus Throw as well as the Shot Put, but missed going a fourth time over the 150-foot mark with a best of 149 feet 6 1/2 inches (45.38 metres).

Doyal improved the national Hammer Throw record to 162 feet 5 inches (49.50 metres). The biggest upset of the meeting came in the Javelin Throw where the winner was a relative unknown, the Indian front rank in this event, Avtar Singh, who won with 184 feet 9 inches (56.31 metres), with the national record-holder, Govind Ram, second.

Ronnie O'Brien improved the national Decathlon record to 5,062 points. His better efforts included 52.4 seconds for the 400 Metres, 10.0 seconds for the 100 Metres Hurdles and 4.54.4 for the 500 Metres.

FAST MARATHON

Gurcharan Singh won the Marathon in a good 2 hours 39 minutes 15.0 seconds from Hazara Singh (2:43:30.0).

Lessons in heading the ball must take care of those long, high kicks that reach you through the air.

After a game try to remember all the ways you had to head the ball during the game, and if you don't think you got the best result from your heading, ask some of the team to help you practise the same things again.

Both attackers and defenders can have some game-like practice by getting the wing men to send over corner kicks and high centres.

The attacker practises his jump to head for goal or to nod the ball down for one of his team mates to shoot. The defender tries to head the ball away from goal.

This article and the illustrations are from "Skilful Soccer for Young Players" published officially for the FA by Educational Productions, price 1s.

Learn from WALTER WINTERBOTTOM, England's Master Coach

GET UP TO THOSE HIGH ONES

Lessons in heading the ball must take care of those long, high kicks that reach you through the air.

Here are some exercises: IN THREES. The first player kicks a long, high ball to the second, who tries to head it down to the feet of the third. He controls it quickly and returns it to the first.

IN FOURS. The first player kicks a long, high ball; the second and third compete for it, and it is head down to the feet of the fourth and returned to the first.

The most important things in competing to head the ball are the timing and the height of your jump.

IN PAIRS. Get a friend to throw or kick you a long, high, dropping ball. Run towards it and jump as high as you can to head it; take off from one foot. Each time you practise this, jump a little earlier until you feel that you have to reach with every muscle before you head the ball and start to drop to the ground.

MEMORY HELPS

When you think you are doing this well try it out in the imagination with your friends. You can then remember the movements and the timing of the ball.

Constance, 23, a 10-year-old Trinidadian, is the 10-year-old champion of Trinidad and Tobago. She is the first Trinidadian to win the 100 yards at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

Constance, who has been training for the last year, beat the 10-year-old record of 12.5 seconds set by Gavilan in 1944. —United Press.

AIMS TO BE STRONGEST



Attractive girl training on the parallel bars at a Toronto, Canada, gymnasium, is local schoolteacher Jackie MacDonald. She is training 12 hours a week at the gymnasium in an effort to become the world's strongest woman in time for the Olympic Games in Australia next year.

Reason for this ambition is that Jackie has set her heart on winning the Shot Put event. To do this she must beat the Russian girls, who are probably now the strongest in the world. So Jackie aims to be stronger than any of them. —Reuter photo.

SOCCER SERFS—An Inquiry Into The Transfer System

THE TRANSFER SYSTEM IS BREAKING

Says JAMES GUTHRIE

(Chairman of the Players' Union)

The most contented footballer in the world must be Juan Schiaffino of Milan for two important reasons:

1. He received one-third of his transfer fee when he was transferred from Montevideo for £72,000. 2. He is bound to Milan for two years only.

After that he can go where he pleases, negotiate what wages he likes, receive one-third of any transfer fee involved. I know. He told me so himself.

How different are players like Ray Daniels, John Charles, Tommy, Harry, Charlie, Wethers, and Joe Ballie who, according to reports, have asked for transfers but for various reasons are still with their old clubs.

They must wait, like thousands of other players in the past, until their own club decides to release them and/or a club is prepared to pay the fee demanded.

AN EXAMPLE

They are only an example of the retain and transfer system—a bad system which results in men being bartered like cattle to the highest bidder.

Upholders of the system say: "Oh, but the player has the last word." Yes, but woe betide the player who doesn't go when he's invited to go.

The latter, at the end of his July-to-June contract, is liable to find himself on the transfer list without wages. Which means he cannot play for another football League club.

The player should be like any other man—free to negotiate his contract, free to go when his contract is up, free to ask for a rise.

We had a Committee of Investigation from the Ministry of Labour in 1951—an impartial body. They recommended a limit to transfer fees of £15,000, one-third to be paid to the selling club, one third to the FA, one who administer the game, one third to a players' benevolent fund.

Has this been carried out? Not on your life. —London Express Service.

CURIOS

It's curious how men deplore the transfer system when they are players and members of the Players' Union but uphold it when they become managers.

Few administrators of the game have had experience as professional footballers. They have never found their freedom to take another job thwarted by an arduous football rule.

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KARACHI, Feb. 24. The touring Indian cricket team drew their match here today with a Combined Pakistan Schools 11.

The final scores were:

Indians 352 for five declared and 30 for two, Combined Schools 287 for nine declared.

Reuter.

Cockell Banks On His Speed To Beat Rocky Marciano

New York, Feb. 24. Stocky, broad-shouldered Don Cockell of England was confident of winning the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship when he arrived by the Queen Mary today to sign for a title fight with Rocky Marciano.

His manager, Mr. John Simpson, indicated that the fight would be held in the United States because of the high taxes on boxing in England. The British Government has a 33-1/8 per cent tax on gross gates.

However, the promoter of the fight, Mr. Jack Solomons of London, who arrived with Cockell and Mr. Simpson, said he still hoped that the Marciano-Cockell fight might be staged in London if the Government makes a special reduction on the tax in order to attract the world title bout.

However, in his light heavyweight days, Don was unexpectedly stopped by Jimmy Shadie of New York.

Cockell said that he had seen Marciano in the movies in his two title fights with Ezzard Charles.

He said, "I have great respect for Marciano. His record of 47 straight victories and 41 knockouts shows that he is a very good fighter. It will be a very good fight and I am confident of winning because of my speed." —United Press.

TERMS SETTLED

New York, Feb. 24. Mr. Jim Norris, President of the International Boxing Club, said today that terms had been agreed for a world heavyweight title fight between Champion Rocky Marciano and Britain's Champion, Don Cockell.

The fight is to be held in San Francisco or London.

Mr. Norris mentioned London as "a long shot chance" but he is virtually certain that the bout will take place in San Francisco, probably on May 19.

Marciano is to receive 40 per cent of the gate and Cockell 20 per cent. Should Cockell win the two would meet in a return bout within 90 days, each receiving 30 per cent.

Present at the conference when these arrangements were made were Cockell, his manager, John Simpson and the British promoter, Jack Solomons.

They arrived in New York

Cockell was asked by reporter if he thought he could beat Marciano. "Yes, I think so," he replied.

He added that he had no special method, having seen Marciano only on a film. "But I think I can do it. He's just a fighter. It depends who's the stronger."

The British party are due to sail for home on Saturday when the liner Queen Mary makes her return voyage. —Reuter.

Wong Peng-soon For All-England Shuttle C'ships

Singapore Feb. 24.

Malayan badminton star Wong Peng-soon has accepted an invitation to compete in the All-England Championships in London on March 23 through 26.

Peng Soon had won the All-England singles title three years in succession in 1950 through 1952. Another Malayan, Eddie Choong, who is a law student in London, won the title in the two subsequent years.

Sports writers here predict that if seeded in different sections Peng Soon should meet Eddie in the final next month. —United Press.

DORIANS LADIES HOCKEY TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their respective Clubs in League Cricket matches over the week-end.

HKCC

The following will represent the "Optimists" v. "Scorpions" at Chater Road to-morrow: G. H. Pritchard, L. D. King, T. P. Hughes, R. M. Macpherson, K. G. E. Spink, C. J. B. Leader, J. N. R. Pickton, A. J. Harvey, A. A. M. Maiden, 11th Man: G. C. Gibbons, 12th Man: P. J. Hart, S. Cooper, R. McAdam, I. L. Stanton, T. A. Pearce, D. W. Leach, F. A. Waller, T. G. C. Knight, J. J. C. Howes, T. A. Cheetham, G. P. Wilson, L. C. New, S. R. Kemp, T. H. Campbell, R. B. Murphy, R. A. F. —RAF.

The following have been selected to represent the DORIANS against the "RAF" again: D. A. H. "P" v. KCC at Kai Tak; Lee, Cheen, Power, Henderson, Taylor, Shirley, Welch, Bibby, Gurney, Wall, Chinn, Arkwright, —United Press.

DORIANS "B" v. KCC at Cossie Park: Cullen, Stanbridge, Doggett, K. M. Watkins, Hartigan, Jones, A. D. D. Madgett, P. Blunt, M. Fletcher, V. Chinn.

There will be a practice at DORIANS at 6:30 p.m.

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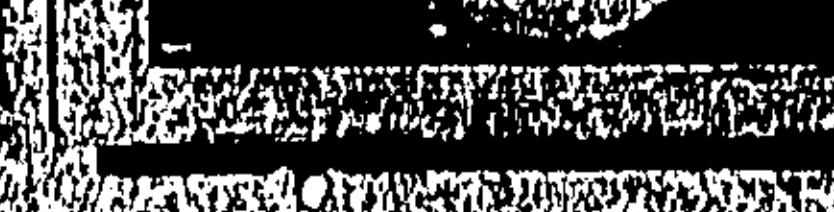
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Reserves: T. Franco and T. Tonks.

Whatever the subject CAPTURE IT WITH



Draw For Colony Junior Fencing Tournament

The following is the draw for the Colony Junior Fencing Championships which commence on March 13.

FOIL

The first, second and semi-final rounds of the foil championship will take place on Monday, Feb. 28, at the European YMCA, Salisbury Road, Kowloon. The draw is as follows:

First Round
Matches commence at 8.40 p.m.
(Best of seven hits).

A 5-1 VICTORY FOR ARMY HK

Singapore, Feb. 24.

The Hong Kong Army XI easily beat a Singapore Army side five goals to one in the opening match of the KARLIE Hockey Triangular Tournament.—United Press.

Colony Tennis Championships

Alfred Augustad, the Kowloon Cricket Club and Colony Inter- port tennis player, scored the first major upset of the Colony Grasscourt Championships when he ousted seventh-seeded George Chan of the Chinese Recreation Club with a sensational straight sets 6-2, 6-1 victory at HKCC yesterday. Augustad now meets second-seeded Edwin Tse in the quarter finals today.

One of the largest crowds of the tournament thus far saw Augustad reaching top form against an opponent who got rattled very quickly and lapsed into a series of costly errors.

All singles quarter-finals matches will be played today, while all the doubles quarter- final matches will take place on Monday, Feb. 28.

An entrance fee of \$1 per head will be charged from now onwards. All proceeds will go to local charities.

RESULTS

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Doubles

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FOIL LEAGUE

The Hong Kong Sword Club defeated the Chinese "Red" Fencing Club in a Foil League match at the European YMCA last night by 10 wins to 9. It was the most closely fought of any of the League contests so far, no fewer than 13 matches going to the last hit and 85 hits being scored against the Chinese team to 74 last night.

The Draw for pools will take place on the day of the competition.

Competitors not present and ready to compete on the starting time may be scratched.

A barage will be fought in all pools in the Foil and Sabre to de- cide promotion to the next round, and the first 3 places in the finals.

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DETAILS:

H.K. Sword Club — P. G. Williams 5 wins; J. A. Ozorio 4 wins; Dr. I. Reid 3 wins; J. da C. Marcal 2 wins; P. Marcal 2 wins—Total 16 wins.

CHINESE RED F. C.—Y. A. Lee 3 wins; Chan Chi-sui 2 wins; Chang San-sion 2 wins; Dung Hin-lun 1 win; Lam Chiong 1 win—Total 8 wins.

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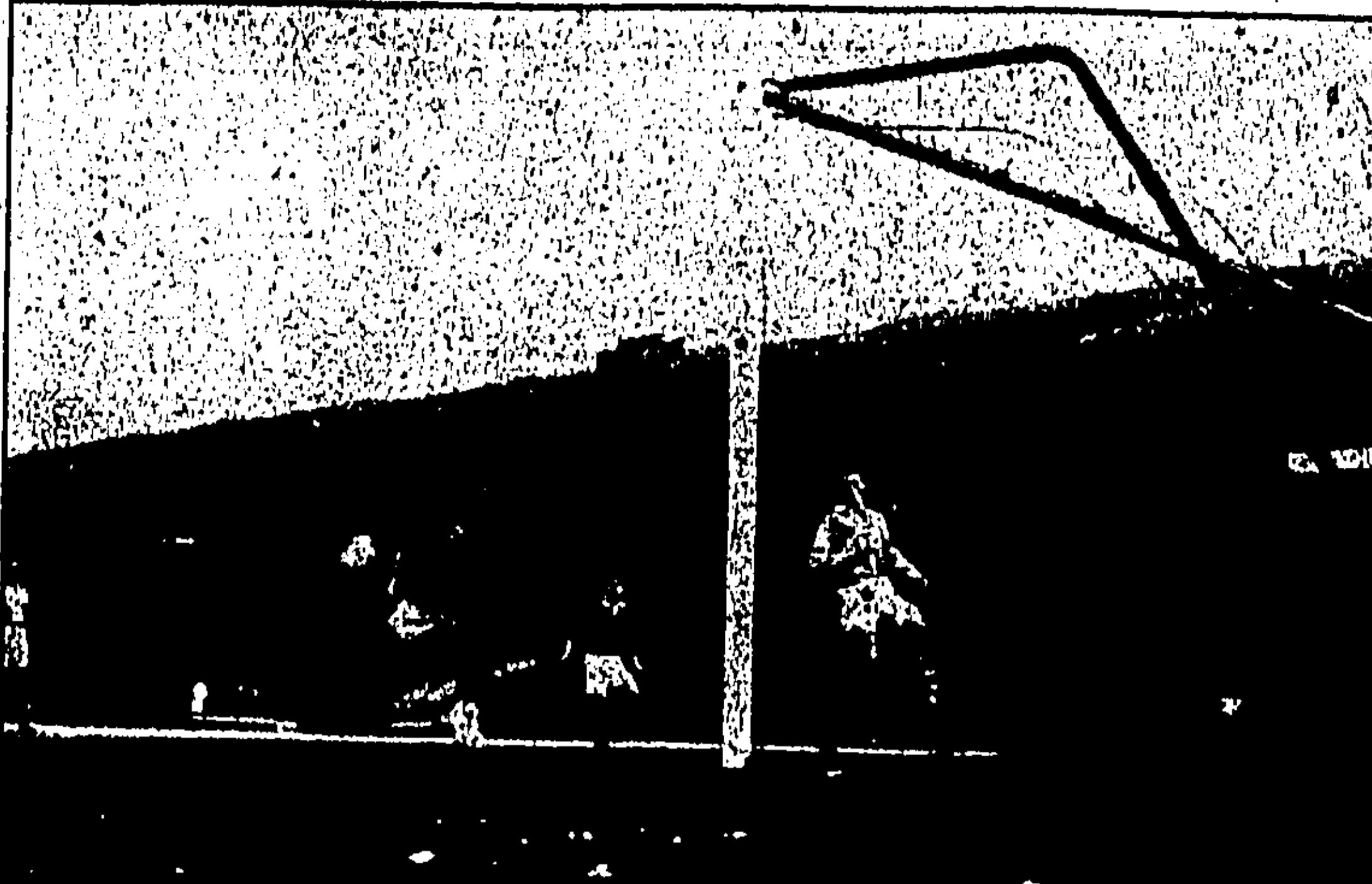
Match Postponed

The men's hockey match between RAF "B" and KUFC which was to have been played on Sunday, Feb. 27, will now be played on Saturday, March 5, at 2.30 p.m. on the Pool Ground, King's Park.

Annual Dog Show

Annual Dog Show, Race Course,

THE MANCHESTER DERBY



Bert Trautmann makes a fingertip landing after turning a shot from Edwards round the post in the Manchester United v. Manchester City match. City won 5-0.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 8. Orders By Lieutenant-Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force. Dated February 22, 1955.

Force Orders

Annual Review—The Annual Review of RHKDF by H.E. The Honorable Commandant General will be held on Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m. at Murray Parade Ground, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force Club, Clubhouse on Sunday, March 13, 1955, at 11 a.m. Full parade rehearsals will be held as follows: Thursday, March 3, 1955, and Saturday, March 5, 1955, at 11 a.m. Full parade rehearsals.

Transports—RHKDF 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 1955—Final RHKDF Annual Parade RHKDF 9.30 a.m.

Transport leaves RHKDF 9.30 a.m.

Officers' Outfit Allowance—Due to

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CHINA MAIL

NOTICE
THE HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting of
the Shareholders of the
Corporation will be held
at the Head Office of the
Corporation, 1 Queen's Road
Central, Hong Kong, on
Friday the 11th day of March,
1955, at Noon for the purpose
of receiving and considering
the reports of the Directors
and of the Auditors and the
Profit and Loss Account and
Balance Sheet for the year
ended 31st December, 1954,
and for the election of Directors
and the appointment of
Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 25th of February to Friday,
the 11th of March, 1955, (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager
Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955

Doors Dying Of Metal Cancer

Florence, Feb. 24.
The three famous sculptured doors of the
Baptistry here, known to millions of foreign
tourists, are slowly dying of metal cancer.

The ravages of air and dust through more
than 500 years, combined with the gilding
technique used by the Renaissance artists and the
inevitable effects of periodical restoration, are
causing experts grave concern.

Two of the doors are the work of the famous 15th
century sculptor Lorenzo Ghiberti and the third, the
south door, is the work of Andrea Pisano.

Of the three, the most famous is the east door, known as the
"Door of Paradise," on which
Ghiberti has pictured the
creation of Adam and Eve and
in the Garden of Eden, the Fall
and the story of nine other out-
standing incidents from Old
Testament history, up to Solomon
receiving the Queen of Sheba.

The other two doors depict
scenes from the New Testament
NOTHING CAN BE DONE

Apparently nothing can be
done to save these doors
short of putting them under
glass or removing them to a
museum.

Professor Bruno Benzi, who
restored the gold coating of the
doors to its original splendour
six years ago, said that it would
be impracticable to protect them
by plates of glass because the
reflections of surrounding buildings
would prevent them from
being seen properly.

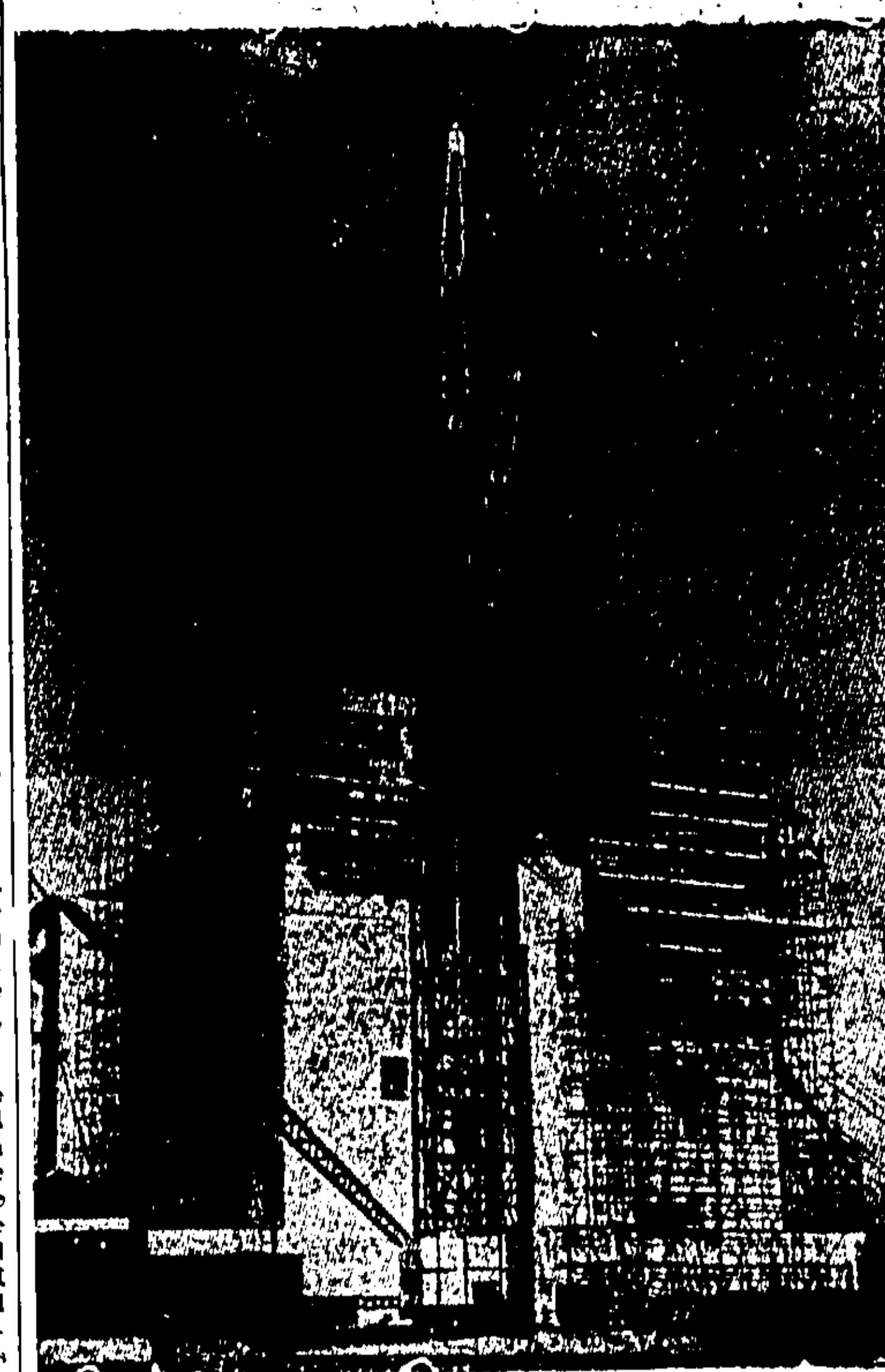
SCRAPE OFF GOLD

"It would be necessary to
scrape off the gold and the
layer which has gradually
formed underneath in order
to reach the healthy
bronze," he explained. "The
result would be disastrous."

Equally as concerned about
the doors as the experts are the
people of Florence. For they
are among these famous works
of art which bring so many
tourists to their city—tourists
who spend some 10,000 million
 lire (about £9,200,000, or
25,000,000 dollars) a year here.

But that is not all.
Ghiberti and Pisano used not
pure gold leaf but a mixture of

Industrial Revolution



JAMAICA IS PLANNING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

300 YEARS SINCE PENN AND VENABLES LANDED

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 24.

Jamaica is planning island-wide celebrations
this year to mark the 300th anniversary of the
landing of Admiral Penn and General Venables at
Passage Fort, near Kingston, on May 10, 1655.

This landing marked the beginning of British
rule in Jamaica, although the island was not
formally ceded to England by Spain until the
signature of the Treaty of Madrid in 1670. The
Spaniards had taken possession of it in 1509,
fifteen years after its discovery on May 3, 1494, by
Christopher Columbus, who called it St Iago—St
James.

This year's celebrations, being held under the
slogan "Jamaica 300," will commemorate 300 years of
progress and development as a member of the family
of the British Commonwealth Nations.

Officially, the tercentenary
began on January 10, with a
great open air all-denominational
religious service on the Kingston
Race Course. But the peak of
the celebrations will not be
reached until May 10, the anniversary
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These will figure in the pro-
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A Jamaican pantomime,
"Anancy and the Magic Mirror,"
based on the local folk legend
of Anancy, the spider man,
opened immediately after
Christmas for a run in Kingston.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 24. Prices on the New York Stock Exchange declined sharply early today, but a late rally wiped out 60 per cent of the early losses.

The break followed a precipitated drop in the London Stock Exchange — the worst since Sir Winston Churchill met defeat by Labour in 1945.

Dumping of stocks in London was touched off when the Bank of England raised its discount rate from 3½ to 4½ per cent and tightened instalment credit controls.

New York stocks also suffered for a time from what was described as disappointing dividend actions from several companies, such as omission of the usual extra by Birlair Company and usual dividends for American Agricultural Chemicals, General Precision Equipment Corp. and Union Pacific.

Later on the dividend trend turned about with such favourable action as resumption of payments by Electric Auto-Lite and increased dividends for Inspiration Copper, Chile Copper, Balck & Wilex, Oliver Corp. and Norden Chemical.

SUPPLEMENTED

These favourable dividend actions were supplemented by some highly favourable earnings reports including several in the railway category.

Trading lightened to 2,920,000 shares from yesterday's 3,030,000 shares.

World Cotton

Markets

New York, Feb. 24.

Cotton futures today saw a narrow rally on either side of the previous close in quiet dealings.

"But the postwar policy of the Japanese Government, if pursued, may well have that result."

The report says that the rapid growth of Japan's mercantile marine under the influence, and with the aid, of the Japanese Government, calls for energetic action on the part of the Chamber of British ship owners to determine that their legitimate interests shall not be sacrificed.

In a long reference to Japanese shipping and trade policy, the report says: "Fears expressed in recent years about the trends of Japanese shipping and trade policy have proved well-founded. Without regard to the operating losses incurred by the existing ships, the Japanese Government has pressed forward with its reconstruction plan.

Aircrafts were irregularly lower. Automobile issues closed narrowly irregularly.

A total of 292 issues advanced with 61 of them setting 1954-55 new high, while 700 declined, three of them to new lows. There were 224 issues of the 4,216 traded that finished unchanged.

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The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,330,000 shares. Dow Jones closing averages were:

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Allis Chalmers 50.74
American Airline 253.50
American Metal 43.75
American Tel & Tel 101.00
American Tobacco "B" 63.50
Anaconda Copper 53.50
Armco Steel 15.50
Austar 10.50
Baltimore-Latin-Hamilton 10.50
Baltimore & Ohio 42.50
Bendix Aviation Corp. 11.50
Bentley 10.50
Bethlehem Steel 120.50
Boeing Aeroplane 63.50
Canadian Pacific Railway 202.50
Chase National Bank 10.50
Chile Copper 10.50
Chrysler Motors 60.50
Coca-Cola 40.50
Commonwealth Elec. 40.50
Consolidated Edison 281.50
Corti Products 40.50
Crown Co. 40.50
Cuban American Sugar 23.50
Curtiss Wright 10.50
Dupont de Nemours 17.50
Eaton 10.50
General Electric 75.50
General Foods 60.50
General Motors 60.50
General Mills 60.50
Goodrich (G. F. Co.) 60.50
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 10.50
Homestake Mining Co. 10.50
International Business Machines 10.50
International Harvester 10.50
International Nickel 10.50
International Tel & Tel 10.50
John-Manville Co. 10.50
Kemcoot Copper 10.50
Lockheed Aircraft 10.50
Lois Industries 10.50
Lone Star Cement Co. 10.50
Minnesota Mining 10.50
Montgomery Ward 10.50
National Cash Register 10.50
National Distillers 10.50
National Lead 10.50
New York Central 10.50
Pacifi Gas & Electric 10.50
Pacific Western Oil 10.50
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U.S. Steel 10.50
Warner Bros. 10.50
Woolworth 10.50
—United Press

World Rubber Markets

New York, Feb. 24.

The continued emphasis on cargo liners has resulted in the volume of this type of tonnage exceeding that in commission in 1937.

"British owners could not object to the gradual re-building of the Japanese fleet by commercial efficiency and neutron, but it is quite another thing for

"Published results show that Japanese shipping companies have continued to incur heavy losses. In some degree, these certainly flow from the rate wars, but the largest losses now arise in the Far East-United States trade, which employs perhaps a third of the Japanese ocean-going fleet.

"In these trades, the principal, "not the only, cause of the present chaos is the interne warfare between the Japanese companies, which have flooded the trades with liner tonnage greatly in excess of requirements.

CONTRAST

"By contrast, in other areas in which British interests predominate, and the Conference are able to obtain reasonable shares of the traffic.

"All this suggests that the present Japanese difficulties arise because they have built too much tonnage too quickly."

The report says that although the Japanese Government has been pressing its shipping industry to rationalise its operations by forming groups, the purpose appears to be to avoid inter-Japanese competition rather than to check the incursion of Japanese lines, regardless of the economic consequences, into trades which are new to them.

"Furthermore, the way in which Japanese shipping has reappeared in international trade suggests that the Japanese Government, which has power to dictate the routes on which the lines shall operate, is tending to use its national shipping as an instrument of aggressive trade policy, with complete disregard for normally accepted international practice."

W. GERMAN SHIPPING

The report said of West German shipping: "What effect the restoration of sovereignty to West Germany will have on her already active competitive position in industry, and particularly in shipping, has still to be seen."

Discussing the claim by Peru, Ecuador and Chile to territorial rights over waters around their coasts to a distance of 200 miles, the report refers to the current study of the problem by the International Law Commission.

Then it adds: "In the meantime, there remains the risk that other countries with declared aspirations as regards both territories and territorial waters — which have not found international acceptance — may be encouraged, by the Peruvian example, to take action which would have consequences for the most serious concern to British interests." — China Mail Special.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 35.60
March 34.40
May 34.00
July 34.04-05
October 39.00
December 39.00
March 39.10
May 39.19

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.20
March 34.47
May 34.72
July 34.80-07
September 31.18
October 31.19
December 32.01
March 32.22
May 32.32
July 32.14

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Feb. 24.

Future closings: American Middling, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Mar./Apr. 32.08
May/June 32.02
July 31.81
Oct./Nov. 31.87
Dec./Jan. 31.07

Official values for spot cottons include:

American middling 32.60
13/16 inch 32.60
15/16 inch 29.60
Mexican middling 1-1/22nd inch 34.41

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeros per kilo were as follows:

Mar. 31.00
May 30.00
July 30.00
Oct. 30.00
Dec. 30.00

NEW YORK

Futures closed today 165 to 184 lower with sales of 278 contracts.

Active dealer selling and liquidation followed the lower Singapore-London cables, plus heavier shipment offerings from the Far East and the British rearrangements on the bank rate.

Dealers reported fair-sized sales in the local spot market, mostly on April delivery. One sheet in that position sold at 31½ cents. Two sheets were quoted at 31½ cents. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 31½ cents. Future closings:

Mar. 31.00
July 30.00
Sept. 30.00
Dec. 30.00
Mar. 30.23

LONDON

This market was easier. No. 1 Rrs spot were quoted at 27½ pence per lb. Prices:

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Montreal 27.74-27.75

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Exchange Rates

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U.S. dollar (per £1) 1.60

U.S. Gyrum 1.61

U.S. Line Co. 1.61

U.S. Rubber 1.61

U.S. Steel 1.61

Warder Bros. 1.61

Woolworth 1.61

—United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BRITISH SHIPPING REPORT

Japanese Government Disregarding Accepted International Practice

London, Feb. 24.

The annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, published here on February 21, declares that the Japanese Government is "tending to use its national shipping as an instrument of aggressive trade policy with complete disregard for normally accepted international practice."

The report adds: "Japan, like Britain, is by tradition a maritime country and should be equally anxious to avoid doing anything which might encourage others to take retaliatory action."

"But the postwar policy of the Japanese Government, if pursued, may well have that result."

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1955.

Sheaffer's
"SNORKEL"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Shaun's Quick Trip

If the song-writers are to be trusted the Irish love Ireland. The Irish, the song insist, love Ireland for its mountains, its mists, its mothers and its mavourneens—whatever they may be.

If they find it necessary to exile themselves to earn a living, the Irish do not allow anyone to remain for long in doubt about the sacrifice the separation from their motherland involves.

YEARNING

In London's courts Irishmen are not slow to proclaim their longing to return to their cabin among the mountains and the mists.

Shaun, who pleaded guilty at Marlborough Street to a charge of stealing, was overcome by that yearning. He mentioned the fact after details of some of his 17 previous convictions had been read out to the magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, V.C.

The case was remanded, and when Shaun returned Mr. Charles Morgan, the probation officer, went into the witness-box.

RETURN VISIT

When he was arrested, Mr. Morgan said, "this man had money enough on him for a ticket to Dublin. As he says, he wants to go back to Ireland. I could arrange for him to go tonight."

"I'd like that, sir," Shaun said with bleak enthusiasm.

Matters were arranged so. Shaun was discharged conditionally, the condition being that he should return that day to Ireland. A ticket was bought with his own money, he was furnished with pocket-money for the journey. He departed.

A fortnight later, he was back in the dock.

"You will remember this man, sir," Mr. Morgan began.

"Certainly, I remember him," said Mr. Bennett. "I thought he would be in Ireland by now."

"He surrendered here this morning, sir," the probation officer said. "His story is that he went to Ireland but couldn't get a job there, and so came back."

"Where did he get the return fare from?" the magistrate asked.

"I'm very doubtful if he ever went," said Mr. Morgan. "You will remember his history, sir. The difficulty is to find anything to say in his favour."

"Excuse me, sir," Shaun broke in, sounding impatient.

LIKE A BIRD

"YES, what do you want to say?" the magistrate asked.

"Concerning me home in Ireland, sir, going back 20 years or so, the place has really gone down, sir, as now I'm rather like a bird—a bird what's lost its nest, sir. There's no home to go back to now, no proper home at all..."

"But you're a man of 47. I believe you didn't want to go back."

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Faure's 3 Big Worries

Paris, Feb. 24. The new French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, will have three big worries when he walks into his government's first cabinet meeting here tomorrow.

But the problems concerning the budget, a settlement for Tunisia, and the Paris accords on German rearmament, will take a back seat, while M. Faure tackles his first immediate tasks of filling in gaps including the vital role of Secretary of State for the Associated States of Indo-China.

The fall of the Pierre Mendes-France government almost three weeks ago left another major task uncompleted. Negotiations with the Tunisian government for home rule were almost concluded when M. Mendes-France was overthrown by the Assembly on his North African policy. M. Faure will work to bring these talks to a successful conclusion.

BIGGEST PROBLEM

Perhaps the biggest problem of all facing the new government is the ratification of the Paris Agreement. After a long and stormy debate these accords were adopted in the Assembly by a relatively small majority. They are now before the Council of the Republic and a vote must be taken there soon.

The change of government has brought a switch of the majority: with the right, and the Socialists may now replace the Conservative Senators as law-makers.

M. Faure will do his utmost to have the Paris accords ratified as they stand by the Upper House.

If the Socialist Senators managed to have any amendments adopted, the Assembly would be called on to hold another debate. This would mean further delay in the ratification and another debate on this controversial issue. Two things the Premier would like to avoid at all costs—France

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